

Instead, it amounts to information provided by a user in the form of a command to change the audio level. For example, the diamond 11 in Figure 2 asks the question "UP?". Clearly it is determining whether the user has requested that the volume level be increased. It has no information necessarily about the existing volume level other than the fact that that the user wishes to increase the volume level.


In view of these remarks, claim 1 is in condition for allowance. The same analysis demonstrates the patentability of the other independent claims and their dependent claims.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

Respectfully requested,

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